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- (1) International Publication No. WO 03/011234;
- (2) EP Patent No. 1 031 342;
- (3) UK Patent No. 1 134 170;
- (4) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 08-217639;
- (5) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2001-039815;
- (6) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2002-053420;
- (7) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2002-121113;
- (8) Patent Abstracts of Japan Publication No. 2003-034613;
- (9) US Patent No. 4,437,895;
- (10) US Patent No. 5,800,818;
- (11) International Publication No. WO 02/38109; and
- (12) DE Patent No. 32 27 421.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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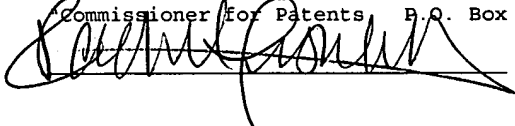
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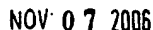
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